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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Kiminobu KODAMA et al

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METHOD OF CONSTRUCTING A For

> DATABASE FOR MANAGING MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING INFORMATION, RECORDING MEDIUM RECORDING PROGRAM

THEREOF, AND SYSTEM THEREFOR

Art Unit 2167

Examiner

S. McAllister

RESPONSE - 37 C.F.R. 1.114 3600 MAIL ROOM

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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Attorney: Leonard Holtz

Dated: March 5, 2001

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 22, 2001, the term for response to which expires on March 22, 2001.

ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect Invention I, claims 1-12, for further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

A decision concerning filing one or more Divisional Applications for the non-elected subject matter will be made in due course.

. Applicants have informed the undersigned that the inventorship for claims 1-12 is the same as the original inventorship.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed with respect to elected claims 1-12.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 5, 2001

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